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37 CFR § 1.116**

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the Abstract with the following marked-up Abstract.

The present invention relates to a surgical retractor. The surgical retractor may include a handle having a longitudinal axis and proximal and distal ends, a first coupling mechanism adjacent the proximal end of the handle, and a blade member having a proximal end and a distal end. The blade member may have a coupling element, and the coupling element may be configured and dimensioned to connect with the first coupling mechanism. The present invention also relates to methods for treating bone. ~~It is emphasized that this abstract is provided to comply with the rules requiring an abstract which will allow a searcher or other reader to quickly ascertain the subject matter of the technical disclosure. It is submitted with the understanding that it will not be used to interpret or to limit the scope or meaning of the claims. 37 C.F.R. § 1.72(b).~~